

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 currently remain in the application. Claims 10 and 11 are canceled, and no claims are herein amended.

In said Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due dated April 10, 2007, the Examiner stated, in Paragraph 1 in page 2 of the Official Letter, that an earlier filed information disclosure statement has not been considered because it related to a foreign patent document and applicant did not fully comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2). The present RCE is being filed, therefore, with the request that the Examiner consider this foreign patent document which is resubmitted herewith with a translation of the full text and a discussion why this document is considered material to the examination of the present application.

As stated in said Information Disclosure Statement being submitted herewith, this reference document discloses a technology very similar to the base invention of the present application but clearly distinguishable. It is being solicited that the Examiner consider this reference and thereby come to the same conclusion, allowing the application again at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,



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